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### Hearst Boom

Steadily Grows.

The Washington correspondent of the Glade Springs, (Va.) Journal, after a careful interview with some of the best posted politicians at the national capital, has this to say concerning the chances of the Hon. William R. Hearst for President on the Democratic ticket.

"There has lately turned up here many friends of the Hon. William R. Hearst. They seem to be the most enthusiastic bunch among all the politicians who have discussed the matter of the next democratic candidate. They all seem to be saturated with the idea that Mr. Hearst is the only man who can win, and they are willing to give a reason for the faith that is in them.

#### LABOR MEN FOR HIM.

"In the first place they say that Mr. Hearst is the only proprietor of a great daily newspaper in the North who loyally supported the ticket in 1896 and 1900, and who fought as hard for the ticket as any man on the ticket. They claim that any man nominated in 1904 who did not loyally support the ticket, or who, even, was lukewarm, will be defeated next year for the reason that the loyal Democrats in the states of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey will vote Socialist Labor ticket, which will give those States absolutely essential to Democratic success, to the Republicans. They claim that Mr. Hearst, who has endeared himself to the laboring people of the country by fighting their battles at all times, can carry every center of industrial activity in the country, thus assuring Democratic success in the states of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Illinois and California, which means democratic victory in the nation, and they say that democratic victory is what they are after. They say that a man that has such business interests at stake as those possessed by Mr. Hearst, whose payroll amounts to \$4,000,000 a year, and who has never had a controversy with a single man ever on that payroll, cannot help being a satisfactory candidate to the thousands of conservative business men of the country who did not support the ticket in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900.

#### THE CLAIM ADVANCED.

"They advanced the claim, that he is the very apotheosis of anti-trust, the only man in the country who has ever gone after the trusts with his own money and made them tremble, and that the trust question will be uppermost in the next campaign; hence their man is a Democratic platform in himself. That he is the very embodiment of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy. That he is a man who can hold all the vote that Bryan got and add to it the vote of labor regardless of past political affiliation, also the vote of thousands of men who are in business and whose business is jeopardized by the corrupt trusts of the country. That he is absolutely independent of the trusts and the money interests of the country, and that he possesses the money personally to give the party the greatest campaign ever waged in the nation and can duplicate every dollar of fat fried out of the trusts by the Republican campaign managers. That he is young, an able executive, a philanthropist, a humanitarian, an honest lover of justice to the people. In short, they claim he can win if nominated.

"That is about a fair consensus of opinion of Democratic politicians who have lately visited the national capital and talked concerning the next Presidential campaign from the standpoint of a Democratic candidate for President."

#### The Cat Didn't Show It.

"Yes," Mrs. Stayathome told Mrs. Gotback, "your husband took awful good care of the cat while you were away, and he had lots of help too. Almost every night I heard them calling, 'Fatten up the kitty.'"

#### A Sobriety Test.

Orderly Officer—Why don't you confine that man, corporal? Can't you see he's drunk?

"No, sir; he ain't drunk. Why, I seed 's'and move."—Sporting Times.

#### Queer Faces.

"Oh, my friends," exclaimed the orator, "it makes me sad when I think of the days that are gone, when I look around and miss the old familiar faces I used to shake hands with."

#### He Needed Something.

"You need a rest."  
"But I haven't done any work for years, doctor."  
"Then you need a change."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It's a wise man who knows when the past is past.

If you would fear nothing think that all things are to be feared.—Seneca.

### Secretary Shaw's Trust.

In his speech in Chicago last week, Secretary Shaw declared that what was needed was not an elastic dollar, but some provision by which automatically the aggregate volume of dollars should increase whenever and wherever more dollars were needed and would as promptly retire when not needed.

Nobody will deny that the devising of such a form of currency as Secretary Shaw suggests would be of great benefit to the country. So would the discovery of perpetual motion and perhaps the finding of the fountain of perpetual youth.

But none of these things have as yet been discovered, and one is about as likely to be as the others.

The only kinds of currency that have yet been devised were such as permitted action by which the aggregate volume of dollars in circulation has decreased when ever and wherever more dollars were needed, and has as promptly increased when not needed.

This reversal of Secretary Shaw's desires is an evil which it will be found difficult to cure, for it is found not in the peculiarities of any system of currency, but in human nature. The lender is afraid to trust the would-be borrower, who badly needs money, because he is afraid he will need it just as badly when pay day comes. He is willing to lend to the man who has plenty, because he is sure that such a man will be able to pay it back.

The same that is true of individuals is also true of communities. The south is less in debt than any other section. This is not because the southern people have all that they need, but just for the reverse reason. It is because the south is just now the neediest section that those who had money were so ready to invest it elsewhere and so reluctant to let any of it come south. That this condition is passing away and money is now flowing into the south is due to the fact that the southern people have more now in proportion to their needs than they had a few years ago.

In time of panic all sections need money and money automatically disappears. It goes in hiding because of the universal need and comes out again when the pressing need has passed away.

If Secretary Shaw should succeed in devising his ideal currency we suggest that he next turn his attention to the discovery of the philosopher's stone, which will turn all baser metals into gold.

#### Unexpected Humor.

In my early days I once tried to engage as model a big negro who made a living out of chewing glass in sundry barrooms for the entertainment of those gathered there.

"I want to paint you," I said when he had taken round the hat after his performance.

"What cullah, boss?" he asked suspiciously.

"Why, natural color, of course," I replied. "I want to paint your face, you know."

"Yah; I've not taking any, boss," he said firmly. "The cullah I've got is good enough for this chile."

I once nearly got hammered for making a colored sketch from life of a very respectable golf caddy in an attitude of ease, subsequently adding a street corner as a background and sending it to an exhibition under the title "A Loafer." The man came round to see me in a violent rage, said he was "a bloomin' respectable, 'igh class golf caddy and no loafer," and if I didn't alter the title of that dashed picture he'd either put his solicitor on to me or jolly well bash me.

Oh, yes; there's a lot of humor about if you only look for it in places where you don't expect to find it.—Tom Browne in Booklovers' Magazine.

#### The Ancient Girdle.

In Rome a man's investiture of his girdle showed that he was intent on work of some nature. When he took it off and let his tunic fall it was patent to all that business was over and that he was free to speak to his friends at his and their leisure. Thus the girdle served a purpose—negative in its character, of course, but a purpose nevertheless. Its sphere of usefulness did not end here. It was a figure of property. When a man or woman put off his or her girdle it was a token of renunciation of some right or privilege. The widow of Philip I., duke of Burgundy, for instance, renounced her right of succession by "putting off her girdle on the duke's tomb." Per contra, the princes of Ireland in taking the oath of fealty to King John, laid aside their girdles, their skeans and their caps. "In the ceremony of excommunication," says a writer, "the bishop cut or tore away from the culprit the girdle that was about him and the newly made husband in Rome took from his wife the maiden girdle of sheep's wool in which she was bound up to the day of her marriage."

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#### The Unsophisticated Moujik.

"The Russian moujik," says a man who has seen life in the land of the czar, "is a naive fellow. He is something like a boy and something like an Irishman. He is, as a rule, very simple, very kind.

"A typical moujik entered one day a railroad station. He approached the agent and asked when a certain train would leave for a certain place. The agent told him distinctly, and, seemingly satisfied, he departed. But a moment later he was back again, and again he asked the agent the same question.

"Why," the agent exclaimed, "I told you that only a minute ago!"

"You did, truly," the moujik answered. "But it isn't myself that wants to know this time. It's my mate outside."

#### French Decorations.

The popular impression is that the Legion of Honor is the only French decoration, but that is not at all the case. France possesses orders quite as ancient as those of most countries, though the oldest of them, St. Esprit, St. Michel, St. Louis and St. Hubert, dating from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, are no longer conferred. Since the Legion of Honor, which was founded in 1802 by the first consul and modified by statute in 1816 and 1852, there have been established no fewer than seven decorations. The Legion is the only honor that can be bestowed on foreigners.

#### Courting Under Difficulties.

Engaged lovers in the Canary Islands find it difficult to exchange sweet confidences, as the young man is not allowed to visit his fiancée in her home. He goes to her house and, finding her at the window, must talk to her from the street. Sometimes her window is perhaps ten or twelve feet above the road. Therefore he must talk loudly, and very often members of the girl's family are unseen listeners.

#### How He Got Out.

"No," said Woody, "I don't see Wiseman at all any more. He has dropped out of our social set."

"He tells a different story," remarked Slim Jackson.

"Indeed!"

"Yes; he claims he has climbed out."

—Catholic Standard.

#### Her Coarse Laugh.

George—You do not call on Miss Roschard now?

Jack—No; I got disgusted. She has such a coarse laugh.

George—I never noticed that.

Jack—You would if you'd been with in hearing when I proposed to her.

#### Matured.

"So you met the usual fate," said the man who sneers. "You went into Wall street intending to be a bull or a bear and find yourself merely a lamb."

"No," was the answer. "I'm not a lamb. I've been on the losing side persistently for years. I'm a sheep."—Exchange.

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